

The annual Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting ceremony was held May 22, 2001, as part of the DOD 2001 Procurement Conference and Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) Workshop in Orlando, FL. Dr. Kenneth J. Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, presented the awards. Edward G. Elgart, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement (DASA(P)), and MAJ Jeannette Jones of the Army Acquisition Career Management Office, presided over the ceremony.

The Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting are presented annually to commend exemplary contracting organizations and individuals. This Armywide award honors excellence and leadership in a variety of contracting activities. Specifically, the award distinguishes contracting organizations and individuals that excel in customer satisfaction, productivity, process improvement, and quality enhancement. Hard work and dedication have placed these winners in an elite class.

Nominating Process

This year, 81 nominations were received. A letter requesting nominations is usually issued at the end of the current fiscal year, and the ceremony is held the following spring. Nomination packages should be endorsed by the nominee's major command (MACOM) PARC, the program executive officer, or another appropriate official. There is no limit on the number of nominations that may be submitted. However, when more than one nomination is submitted by a MACOM, the PARC will rank order the nominations in a specific category before submitting them to the Department of the Army. An evaluation board, consisting of senior-level contracting personnel, convenes, reviews, and evaluates all selection packages and reconvenes for the final award determination.

The DASA(P) Career Management Office was instrumental in getting an online nomination program in place this past year, which allowed the commands to electronically submit their packages. Nominations can now be submitted online at <https://apps.rdaisa.army.mil/saac/awards.htm>.

Awards

This year, recipients represented five commands: the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM); the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC); the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM); the U.S. Army Contracting Command,

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Europe (USACCE); and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM). A list of the FY00 award recipients follows.

Unit/Team Awards

- *Unit/Team Award For Installation-Level Contracting Center*
Recipient: Army Atlanta Contracting Center, Atlanta, GA (FORSCOM)
- *Unit/Team Award For Installation-Level Contracting Satellite*
Recipient: Directorate of Contracting, Fort Campbell, KY (FORSCOM)
- *Unit/Team Award For Systems Contracting*
Recipient: The Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) Contracting Team, CECOM Acquisition Center (various locations)
- *Unit/Team Award For Specialized Contracting*
Recipient: Clause Integrated Process Team, TACOM (IPT Clause)

Outstanding Contracting Officers

- *Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) At Installation-Level Center*
Recipient: Dixie Lee Hall, Army Atlanta Contracting Center (FORSCOM)
- *Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) At Installation-Level Center*
Recipient: MAJ James Blanco, USACCE
- *Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) At Installation-Level Satellite*
Recipient: Edwin Koschemann, USACCE, Regional Contracting Office, Grafenwoehr
- *Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) At Installation-Level Satellite*
Recipient: MAJ Regina Hamilton, Directorate of Contracting, Fort Campbell, KY (FORSCOM)
- *Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) In Systems Contracting*
Recipient: John A. Regenhardt, TACOM
- *Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) In Specialized Contracting*
Recipient: Charles Jack Robertson, CECOM
- *Outstanding Contingency Contracting Officer (Military)*
Recipient: MAJ Debra D. Daniels, USACCE

- *Outstanding Contingency Contracting Officer (Civilian)*
Recipient: Patricia A. Neal, USACCE

Secretary Of The Army Professionalism In Contracting Award

- *Secretary Of The Army Professionalism In Contracting Award (Military)*
Recipient: LTC(P) Edwin H. Martin, SMDC
- *Secretary Of The Army Professionalism In Contracting Award (Civilian)*
Recipient: Edward G. Elgart, then Director, CECOM Acquisition Center

Secretary Of The Army Award For Exceptional Support Of The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act Program

The JWOD Program is one of the most important programs that the Army uses to help blind and severely disabled people. This award recognizes commands, installations, or activities that successfully initiate significant additions of products or services to the Procurement List of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Handicapped.

Recipient: Sarah Corley, Directorate of Contracting, Fort Hood, TX (FORSCOM)

The Department of the Army and the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement were delighted to recognize the performance of outstanding contracting professionals and organizations and encourage all commands to continue to support this prestigious recognition of Army contracting personnel. Nominations for FY01 awards may be submitted from October through December 2001.

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